

One killed, six injured as cars collide on Sheikh Zayed Road

The accident happened at around 6:40pm when a speeding vehicle collided against a car on Sheikh Zayed Road close to Abu Dhabi



Dubai: One person was killed while six others were injured in a horrific car collision among three vehicles on Sheikh Zayed Road.

The Gulf national driver lost control over his 4X4's steering and veered off to the left side of SZR before he hit the road barrier when his car overturned and hit another 4X4 coming on the right direction at 6.40pm, according to Salah Bu Farousha, Head of Dubai Traffic Public Prosecution.

Two helicopters were seen by eyewitnesses carrying injured individuals.

"The Gulf national driver has been provisionally detained at his hospital bed until further investigation. Three South African passengers were in the other 4X4 which was coming in the right direction from Abu Dhabi towards Dubai. One of them was killed and the two others sustained critical injuries. Similarly, three Indians sustained serious injuries when their 4X4 car hit the other two vehicles. The accident happened on the last interchange leading to Abu Dhabi," Bu Farousha told Gulf News following the accident.

"The scene of the accident was really horrific. I have never seen something like this. Two vehicles were overturned on the other side of the road barrier. Many police officers and ambulance personals were present at the scene of the accident," said an eyewitness.

The accident caused a huge congestion for motorists driving from Abu Dhabi to Dubai, said eyewitnesses at the scene.

Dubai Police's traffic committee will prepare a technical report on the causes of the accident, which will be discussed during the Traffic Public Prosecution's questioning in the case.

"We will start hearing eyewitnesses' statements on Thursday and the Gulf national driver remains under custody until further interrogations," said Bu Farousha. He confirmed that traffic prosecutors will follow up on the health conditions of those injured in the accident with the health authorities.